

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*The caption on page 1, Line 6, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

*The caption on page 1, Line 13, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

**(2) Description of the Prior Art Related Art and Other Considerations**

*The caption on page 5, Line 6, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

*The paragraph on page 18 that extends from Line 10 to Line 13, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

Fig.14 is an illustrative view showing the stored state of small items in the storage box when the scooter type motorcycle of the second embodiment is parked on the kickstand; and .

*The paragraph on page 18 that extends from line 14 to line 15 of the parent application has been deleted.*

*The paragraphs which extend from page 19, Line 12, to page 20, Line 5, of the parent application have been rewritten as follows:*

This embodiment is a large-sized scooter type motorcycle 1 for two riders, as shown in Figs.1 and 2, comprising a seat 2 that rotates upward to open itself and a storage box 3. The storage box 3 serves-serving as a luggage storing compartment, whose-having

an upper opening 3a which is opened by the seat 2 so as to be able to hold helmets 5 therein, and which is enclosed by a body cover 6.

As shown in Figs.1 and 3, in a body front 12, a pair of handlebars 13 are supported by a frame 10 while a front fork 14 which rotatably supports a front wheel 15 is arranged below and coupled with the handle bars 13. A seat 2 is arranged in the rear of the body front 12. Formed between this body front 12 and seat 2 is a floor portion 19, which is ~~composed~~ comprised of a pair of plate-like footboards 17a arranged on the left and right with respect to the motorcycle's direction of travel for allowing the front rider 40 riding astride the seat 2 to rest ~~their~~ his feet thereon and a center console 18 which rises, forming a ridge between these foot boards 17a. Provided behind the footboards 17a are a pair of footboards 17b for an extra rider 14, at a higher position than that of footboards 17a.

*The paragraphs which extend from page 20, Line 21, to page 21, Line 6, of the parent application have been rewritten as follows:*

Seat 2 is a dual type ~~composed~~ comprised of a main seat 2a at the approximate center of the vehicle and an extra seat 2b formed in its rear at a higher position, as shown in Figs.1 and 2. As shown in Fig.3, the sides of the seat from the rear of main seat 2a to extra seat 2b are formed approximately parallel when viewed from the top. Under the main seat 2a and extra seat 2b a resin-made seat bottom plate 25 is provided extending from the front end of the main seat 2a to the rear end of the extra seat 2b.

A storage box 3 is formed on the bodywork under the extra seat 2b ~~while for~~ which the seat 2 serves as its lid.

*The paragraph which extends from page 23, Line 19, to page 24, Line 8, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

The lower fringe of seat 2 is so shaped that on the A-A section in the approximate center of storage box 3, a rib or flange 25c is integrally formed, extending in the lateral

direction, on the side wall of seat bottom plate 25, as shown in Fig.4B while seat cloth 32 is disposed so as to cover the rib 25c along its side and bottom. On the B-B section at which seat bottom plate 25 shown in Fig.2 varies in shape, sealing surface 25b and seat bottom plate end 25d become flush with each other as shown in Fig.5 while seat cloth 32 is disposed so as to cover seat bottom plate end 25d along its side and bottom. Further, On the C-C section at around the front end of storage box 3 in Fig.2, shown in Fig.6, seat bottom plate end 25d extends inclined outward and downwards to a position lower than sealing element 42 while seat cloth 32 is formed so as to cover the end portion.

*The paragraph which extends from page 25, Line 10, to Line 18, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

As has been configured, according to the scooter type motorcycle 1 of the first embodiment, since seat bottom plate extension 25a is integrally formed with seat bottom plate 25 of seat 2 while ~~seat-seal~~ element 42 is provided between upper opening brim 3b of storage box 3 and sheet bottom plate extension 25a, sealing surface 25b can be arranged to be formed outside the seat bottom plate side wall. As a result, it is possible to design upper opening 3a of storage box 3 provided under seat 2 without any restriction of the outline of seat 2.

*The paragraphs which extend from page 26, Line 3, to Line 20, of the parent application have been rewritten as follows:*

According to the first embodiment, since sealing surface 25b as well as the seat bottom plate extension 25a ~~is~~are integrally and continuously formed from seat bottom plate 25, it is possible to improve the dimensional accuracy when parts are manufactured. Therefore, it is easy to secure the necessary sealability even if sealing surface 25b is defined by a complex curved surface, hence this configuration is effective in preventing dirt, rain water and the like from entering the storage box.

According to the first embodiment, since storage box 3 has such a curved shape that it maximally swells sideways of the vehicle, at the portions, in its approximate center when viewed from top with respect to the vehicle's direction of travel, and opposing the tops 5b of helmets 5 and that extra rider 41 riding astride above the storage box 3 is seated with ~~their~~ his ankles 41a positioned at the front side of helmets 5, it is possible to secure ~~the easiness~~ ease in straddling and yet assure the necessary volume of the storage box.

*The paragraph which extends from page 29, Line 9, to Line 19, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

In the first embodiment, a pair of helmets 5 are arranged flat, side by side across the body width in the storage box. However, the present invention should not be limited to this. For example, the bottom of the storage box may be formed to be lower at both sides than at the center across the body width, so that two helmets are put side by side across the body width with their spherical tops inclined downwards and laterally outward with respect to the body width. This arrangement makes it possible to further reduce the width of the storage box compared to the configuration where the helmets are put flat, hence ~~narrower~~ the vehicle body can be narrower.

*The paragraph which extends from page 36, Line 1, to page 36, Line 17, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

~~Here, Fig.15 shows a conventional example where opening edges 103b and 103c at both sides of an upper opening 103a are formed at the same level. According to the conventional configuration of opening edges 103b and 103c of upper opening 103a, when storage box 103 is inclined, opening edge 103c on the kickstand side is positioned at a significantly lower level than opening edge 103b on the non-kickstand side. Therefore, the effective depth of the stored portion of storage box 103 is shallow so the stored amount greatly decreases. In contrast to this, according~~ According to the configuration of

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upper opening 3a of the present embodiment, as shown in Fig.14, since opening edge 3c on the kickstand side is formed higher than opening edge 3b on the non-kickstand side, the opening edge 3b on the non-kickstand side is positioned at a higher level when storage box 3 is tilted. Thus, small items 50 can be put in under this condition, a greater amount of items than usual can be stored.

*The paragraph which extends from page 35, Line 10, to Line 14, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

When scooter type motorcycle 1 is rest on kickstand 30, the body is set tilted to the kickstand 30 side. As the scooter type motorcycle 1 ~~tilts~~ tilts, so too, to the same degree towards the kickstand side, does storage box 3 under seat 2, as shown in Fig.14.

*The paragraph which extends from page 41, Line 21, to page 42, Line 12, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

~~Detailedly,~~ In more detail, the seat bottom plate is formed integrally with a seat bottom plate extension which is extensionally formed along the outer periphery and projected from the outer periphery, spreading outwardly toward its distal side while a sealing element is disposed between the upper opening brim of the storage box and the seat bottom plate extension. This configuration makes possible provision of sealing surface outside the seat bottom plate side wall and makes it possible to design the opening of the storage box provided under the seat without any restriction of the outline of the seat. Further, it is possible to provide an opening wider than that of the conventional storage box even if the seat is small in width, and it is also possible to provide a storage box which has a large storage volume and makes it easy to put things in and take them out. In one word, this configuration is effective in providing easiness in straddling while securing the volume of the storage box.

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*The paragraph which extends from page 42, Line 21, to page 43, Line 10, of the parent application has been rewritten as follows:*

~~Detailedly,~~In more detail, the luggage storing compartment of a motorcycle is formed such that, in the sectional configuration cut along the vehicle's width, it spreads outwardly as it extends downwards from the opening edge of the upper opening, along the body cover which encloses the outer vehicle body below the seat. That is, the luggage storing compartment is formed so that its middle or lower part with respect to the height is wider than its upper part and part of the opening edge of the upper opening, on a first side with respect to the body width is shaped in a bay-like form so as to be sunken lower than the height of the opening edge on the opposite side. This arrangement contributes to improvement in easiness in riding on and getting off the seat arranged thereover and also provides a large opening width, which makes it easy to put things in and take them out.